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According to the environmental impact statement, the people who live near the viaduct are disproportionately poor and Latino. They will be the ones most impacted by the reconstruction and they are the ones who historically have had the weakest voice. Thank you very much for the outreach that the DOT and SeaTrans has done so far to take into account the impact on this community.

Because of this outreach, we are here to represent the over 1000 Latino day laborers who look for work on an annual basis through CASA Latino who will be adversely impacted by the viaduct reconstruction process. In all of the five alternatives, the CASA Latina Day Workers' Center will be displaced and the livelihood of these 1000 day laborers will be affected.

The CASA Latina day laborers understand that they need to move for the good of the community. They ask that their displacement be mitigated in the following two ways.

- 1) That the DOT give priority to construction companies that include in their bids a commitment to working with CASA Latina to employ our workers in the construction.
- 2) That the City of Seattle work with DOT to relocate the CASA Latina Day Workers' Center to a suitable location. The workers and the board of CASA Latina have determined that near Home Depot in the SoDo neighborhood would be an ideal relocation site but we need both political and economic assistance to be able to move there. We are asking that you give us this support.

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